



# *Fort Hood Retirement Services Newsletter*

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By Fort Hood Retirement Services

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## **Notes From The Commanding General And Command Sergeant Major III Corps and Fort Hood**

As Americans, we are blessed to live in a country whose citizens hold our service members and veterans in high regard. We have a great military history, and I am proud to report that our young Soldiers are not just preserving our illustrious heritage, but raising the standard. Their service in the Global War on Terrorism is exceptional, and I am constantly amazed by the ingenuity, courage, and dedication of our military men and women.

You have reason to be extremely proud of our current service members, and as retirees you have a clear understanding of the sacrifices our country calls upon them to make. Your perspective as veterans within your communities is rare and valuable, and your impact as you continue a lifetime of service to our nation and support of our military is enormous. You all have my respect and appreciation, and I urge you to remain active proponents of our military men and women as they stand for America in this time of war.

Sincerely, LTG Thomas F. Metz, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood  
CSM William J. Gainey, Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood

*a Proud Salute*   
*to America's Armed Forces*  
*Retired, Still Serving!*

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

### 28 OCTOBER 2005

0800 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	BLDG 1001 2D FLOOR
0900 - ? ?	RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT	COURSES OF CLEAR CREEK
1500 – 1600	RETREAT CEREMONY	VAN FLEET HALL (FLAGPOLE)

### 29 OCTOBER 2005

0700 – 0845	OLE TIMERS BREAKFAST “DUTCH TREAT”	FORT HOOD OFFICER’S CLUB (FHOC) BLDG 5764
0900 – 0915	NATIONAL ANTHEM & INVOCATION	FHOC, MAIN BALLROOM
0915 – 0945	WELCOME ADDRESS	CG / REPRESENTATIVE
0945 – 0950	PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS	INSTALLATON AG
0950 – 0955	PRESENTATION OF RETIREE COUNCIL	CHAIRMAN, RETIREE COUNCIL
0955 – 1000	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN, RETIREE CNCL
1000 – 1045	GUEST SPEAKER CONGRESSMAN JOHN CARTER, 31 <sup>ST</sup> DIST, TEXAS	FHOC, MAIN BALLROOM
1045 – 1100	ADMIN ANNOUNCEMENTS/DOOR PRIZES	CHAIRMAN, RETIREE CNCL
1100 – 1400	COUNTY FAIR ACTIVITIES	FHOC
1100 – 1500	HEALTH FAIR, DACH	**Moore Clinic, BLDG 2245 761 <sup>st</sup> Tank Bn Ave
1100 – 1600	ID CARD ISSUE & DEERS TRANSACTIONS	BLDG 18010
1100 – 1600	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010
1100 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE (WILLS, POA, ETC)	BLDG 1001 2D FLOOR
1130 - 1300	LUNCH	THEODORE ROOSEVELT DFAC BLDG 9205
1200 – 1600	MUSEUMS (1 <sup>ST</sup> CAV & 4 <sup>TH</sup> INF DIV)	1CD & 4ID
1400- 1500	1 <sup>ST</sup> CAV HORSE DETACHMENT DEMONSTRATION	1CD HORSE STABLES
1730 - ??	RETIREE ROUND UP DINNER SPONSORED BY THE GREATER KILLEEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	OFFICER’S CLUB BLDG 5764 MAIN BALLROOM

\*Bus Transportation will be provided to events planned on Saturday, 29 October 2005, from the Fort Hood Officers Club.

\*\*NOTE LOCATION CHANGE OF HEALTH FAIR – Bldg 2245, 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn Ave\*\*

### **Notes From The Garrison Commander & Command Sergeant Major**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our departure from Vietnam and our involvement in the current Global War on Terrorism, not only do we salute our military men and women serving today, but are grateful to all who served before. We clearly stand on the shoulders of great Americans. This year October 28 & 29, 2005, Fort Hood opens its gates to all Retirees and their families to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. We salute you today and every day and thank you for forging the path for our military presently fighting to preserve our freedom that you also so fervently defended. We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day. Come out and enjoy all of the activities!

Sincerely, Colonel Victoria M. Bruzese, Fort Hood Garrison Commander  
CSM Thomas O. McMurtrie, Fort Hood Garrison Sergeant Major

### **Notes From The Installation Adjutant General & Sergeant Major**

I would like to take this opportunity to first thank you many veterans, spouses and family members for your attendance at this years Annual Retiree Appreciation Day celebration. Your many contributions, sacrifices, heroism and dedication to our Armed Services are without a doubt the reasons for America's freedom. Fort Hood has again opened its doors to you great Americans and we sincerely hope you enjoy your visit to the "Great Place." If you have any suggestions to improve this event, please do not hesitate to inform myself or my staff. Ms. Beth Waller has worked many hours to ensure your needs and services are met to the highest standards. Our intent is to improve this event each year and your input does make a difference. Again, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome you back to the Central Texas area.

Sincerely, Mr. Charles E. Green, Sr., Installation Adjutant General  
SGM Herman Toro, Installation Sergeant Major

### **Retirement Services Office Location**

The Retirement Services Office is located in Building 18010, Room B118, on Hood Road and Battalion Avenue. Retirement Services Office provides information, advice, and assistance on matters pertaining to retired personnel. You are encouraged to write, call, or visit the Retirement Services Office whenever the need arises. For assistance with Combat Related Special Compensation Applications, please call for an appointment prior to coming in. This will help ensure better customer service and so you will know what supporting documentation is needed to complete the application. Our hours of operation are: 0800-1130 and 1230-1600, Monday through Friday. We are closed Training and Federal Holidays. Telephone (254) 287-5210 or (254) 287-3368 or 1-800-403-6640.

## **Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information**

### ***Retired Military Golf Tournament***

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The Twenty-Fourth Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 28 October 2005, 0900 at The Courses of Clear Creek. It is limited to the first 144 entries. Only retired military personnel are eligible to play in this event. The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. The entry fee is \$28.00 per person, includes green fees, cart fees, and \$5.00 towards purchase of prizes. This is a great chance to see some old friends! If interested complete the attached entry form and send it to Business Operations Division, The Courses of Clear Creek, P.O. Box K, Fort Hood, Texas 76544.

**For additional information call (254) 287-4130/6921.**

### ***Retreat Ceremony***

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A Retreat Ceremony will be held Friday, 28 October 2005, 1500 hours at the III Corps Headquarters (Flagpole). This ceremony will honor III Corps Soldiers retiring during the month of October. In addition, the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood will recognize the Distinguished Honorary Retiree (to be announced) and will present the Purple Heart Award to PFC Thomas L. Dally, Korean War Veteran.

### ***Opening Ceremony***

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On 29 October 2005, 0900, the Opening Ceremony will be held at the Fort Hood Officer's Club Main Ballroom. This year we are privileged to have the Honorable John Carter, Representative for the 31<sup>st</sup> District of Texas as our guest speaker. The opening ceremony will be followed by the County Fair also at the Fort Hood Officer's Club from 1100-1400 hours. Don't forget to come early for the Ole Timers Breakfast beginning at 0700!

### ***Health Fair, Darnall Army Community Hospital (DACH)\*\*Location Change\*\****

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The Health Fair will be at Thomas Moore Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn Ave, 29 October, 1100-1500 hours. As of date, DACH expects to have plenty of flu vaccine for the fair. For your convenience, 3 flu shot locations will be set up at the hospital. Retirees and family members will be given color coded tickets for one of the flu shot locations. This should cut down on wait times for the flu shot. The pneumonia shot and tetanus booster will also be available for those needing these vaccines. Please bring shot records for verification and update. Self Care Classes and Dietary Supplement Classes will also be held at various times through out the day. This year's Health Fair is based on the US Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations for Clinical Preventative Services, and will include a combination of screenings and education.

### ***Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Application Assistance***

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Assistance in completing CRSC applications will also be available at the Copeland Soldier Service Center, 29 October 2005, 1100-1600 hours. This year we are lucky to have members of the CRSC Staff from the CRSC Branch for the Air Force to assist retirees from all branches of service in applying for CRSC. Please bring your DD214, VA Decision Rating Letter (with disability codes) and any other supporting documents you would like to file with the application.

Eligible applicants include Retirees who served over 20 or more years on Active Duty or as a Reservist; are in a retired status; are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA payments; and have at least 10% VA disability rating that is combat-related.

Reservations are not necessary, however, please contact the Fort Hood RSO if you would like to apply on this day so we can have enough staff members on hand. Either return the enclosed form or please call 254-287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640.

## **Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)**

### ***ID Card Issue and DEERS Transactions***

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ID Card Section will be open for ID Card Issue and DEERS Transactions, 29 October 2005, from 1100-1600 hours in the Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010. See information provided under ID Cards in this newsletter for documents needed or call 254-287-5670/2518.

### ***Legal Assistance***

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Legal Assistance will be available on 28 October 2005 from 0800-1600 hours and also on 29 October 2005, 1100-1600 hours at the III Corps Headquarters. This is a great time to update wills and Powers of Attorney if needed. For more information please call 254-287-7901/3199

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration***

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This year we're delighted the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Horse Detachment will once again entertain with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 29 October 2005, 1400 hours at the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Horse Stables. Barn Tours will also be provided after the conclusion of the demonstration. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museums***

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Both Museums will also be open on Friday and Saturday (28 & 29 October 2005). Come by and see the Operation Iraqi Freedom I display (including Saddam Hussein's capture) and the recently dedicated Battle of the Bulge Memorial (4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museum).

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum also has new displays for viewing including the recently dedicated 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Vietnam Memorial.

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum Hours of Operation: 9-4 Monday-Friday & 12-4 Sat/Sun  
For More information call 254-287-3626

4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museum Hours of Operation: 9-4 Monday-Friday; Sat 10-4  
Sun & Federal Holidays: 12-4 Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's  
For more information call 254-287-8811

### ***Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Round-Up Dinner***

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In conjunction with the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, the Annual Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Retiree Round-Up Dinner will be held at 5:30 pm, October 29, 2005 at the Officers' Club, Fort Hood, Texas. The Social Hour will be from 5:30-6:00 pm; Dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by Door Prize Drawings and entertainment.

Menu for the dinner is Schnitzel with Hunter Sauce (pork cutlet breaded and fried), German Fried Potatoes, green beans, house salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea, coffee, and water.

The dinner ticket cost is \$15.00 per person and must be paid in advance (price includes gratuity). Dress is casual. Persons desiring to attend must fill out the attached application and mail it with a check or money order made out to Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce to arrive no later than **14 October 2005**. Tickets will **not** be mailed to you, but will be available for pick-up as shown on the return form letter.

Your early response will allow us to better plan for the number of persons desiring to attend. Tickets are available first come, first serve, so please mail your application and check or money order today (*no cash please*). No refund can be made after 14 October 2005.

**For more information you may contact the Chamber at 254-526-9551.**

## Hotel Accommodations For Retiree Appreciation Day

Government lodging availability at Fort Hood is limited and subject to change. Retiree Appreciation Day guests requiring overnight lodging will need to personally arrange for hotel or motel accommodations in the civilian communities near Fort Hood. The below list of area motel and hotel information are provided for your convenience. This list was compiled from information in local telephone directories and from lists prepared by the Killeen and Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce. This list does not reflect official endorsements by the United States Army. Fort Hood Guest House Reservation phone number: 532-5157. **Note: Area code for telephone numbers is (254).**

### Copperas Cove (9 miles from Fort Hood)

Cactus Inn and Suites  
1211 E. Hwy 190  
547-4271  
Howard Johnson Express Inn  
302 W. Hwy 190  
547-2345  
Relax Inn  
1714 W. Hwy 190  
542-6615

### Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

Best Western of Killeen  
2709 E. Bus. Hwy 190  
526-6651

### Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

Comfort Inn  
2506 Trimmier  
554-3615  
Hallmark Inn and Suites  
4500 E. C. Tex Expwy  
634-1313  
Executive Inn  
1601 E.C. Tex Expwy  
699-4081  
Howard Johnson  
803 E.C. Tex Expwy  
526-4343  
Killeen Inn  
1100 S. Ft Hood Rd  
634-3101  
Hampton Inn  
2702 O W Curry Drive  
554-7110

## ID Cards

### ***Locations***

The Fort Hood ID Card Section is located in Building 18010, Room B115, on the corner of Hood Road and Battalion Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday: we are open from 0730 to 1600. On Friday: 0830 to 1530. These hours are subject to change, so if you are coming from out of town we recommend you call us at (254) 287-5670 or (254) 287-2518.

The Customer Service Unit, 301st Fighter Wing (Reserve), Naval Air Station, Fort Worth, is currently issuing ID Cards and vehicle decals for military retirees and their family members. Please call ahead at (817) 782-5244 for current hours of operation and additional information.

The Customer Service Unit, Texas Air National Guard, Fort Worth is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. Please call ahead at (817) 852-3238 or (817) 852-3239 for hours of operation and additional information.

Now you can update your address information through the Internet at the following website:  
[www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress](http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress).

The Customer Service Unit, Seagoville Army Reserve Center is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. They are located at 701 West Simonds Road. Please call before going there for additional information. Their telephone number is (972) 287-8692.

For personnel living in the Austin, Round Rock, Georgetown area - You can now obtain your ID Cards/DEERS enrollment at Building 34, Room 103, 4 Buildings south of the PX, same building with the United Heritage Credit Union at Camp Mabry, Austin. Please call prior at (512) 782-6841

The Naval and Marine Reserve Center at 2100 North New Road, Waco, Texas, is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. Their telephone number is (254) 776-1841.

**For more locations near you, log on at: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/uwa/home](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/uwa/home) .**

## **ID Cards (Continued)**

### ***ID Card & DEERS Document Requirements***

All retirees and family members who are in need of a new ID Card because of mutilation, expiration, or loss need to bring the following documents. These documents allow us to verify status in case the ID card computer system shuts down:

- a. Retiree: Retirement orders or DD Form 214
- b. Family members:
  - (1) Retirement orders or DD Form 214
  - (2) Birth certificate (containing both parents name) or court documents signed by a judge, determining sponsor is parent.
  - (3) Marriage certificate or copy (with seal).
  - (4) Letter from college registrar's office stating that the dependent is a full time student taking 12 semester hours or more and expected date of graduation (for dependents age 21 to 23).
  - (5) Divorce decree.
  - (6) Adoption papers.
  - (7) Unmarried surviving spouse must present marriage certificate, death certificate, and birth certificate for surviving children's ID card.
  - (8) To replace lost ID cards requires a picture ID, i.e. drivers license, etc., plus all above documents.
  - (9) Former spouses that qualified for ID card must have members DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for each period of service in addition to above requirements.
  - (10) The signature of the military sponsor is required before issuance of family member's ID cards. The application must be notarized if sponsor is not with family members.

### ***Assistance Letters***

If ID Card holders are medically incapacitated, a current doctor's statement on letterhead is required from the doctor stating that assistance is needed for someone to shop for them, and if the condition is temporary or permanent. The person that will be doing the shopping must accompany the ID Card holder and have some type of picture ID (driver's license, Sam's card, etc.) when coming in for a letter. Only one person is authorized a shopper's letter. Assistant letters are issued for one year at a time or when that person is no longer medically incapacitated, whichever comes first. A current doctor's letter is needed for renewal.

## **Update DEERS Information - TRICARE**

To ensure eligibility for TRICARE benefits, beneficiaries 65 and older must have their current address on file with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Update change of addresses on the TRICARE Web site: [www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/).

Beneficiaries can also update their DEERS address by:

- λ Visiting the nearest military personnel office that has an ID card facility.
- λ Calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) telephone center at 1-800-538-9552.
- λ Mailing the address change to DMDC Support Office, ATTN: Address Updates, 400, Giggling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771 (Please include the Sponsor's SSN in your correspondence.)
- λ Faxing your change of address to DSO, Attn: COA at (831) 655-8317.
- λ Sending an e-mail message to [addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil). Messages sent should be lower case only and include: the sponsor's name, social security number and telephone number, name(s) of family members affected by the address change, and the start date for the change.

If you need to update other information, contact or visit the nearest military ID card issuing facility to determine the documentation required to make the needed changes. Another option is for beneficiaries to mail or fax the appropriate documentation to the DSO (see above), and include an attention line, Attn: R&A. Requests received without the required documentation are returned unprocessed.

## Casualty Information

### ***Report Deaths Promptly***

The death of retired Army members should be reported to the nearest Army post as quickly as possible. This includes Army reservist and Army National Guard members who are in paid status. The death should be reported to the Casualty Assistance Office, Building 126, Battalion Avenue, Fort Hood (please note location change from III Corps Headquarters). Their phone number is (254) 287-7200.

## Veterans Administration (VA) Information

### ***Texas Veterans Commission***

The state of Texas has provided assistance for the veterans, their dependents and survivors since 1927. Ms. Paula Taylor is the counselor at Fort Hood, Texas. Her office is located in the Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010, Room A308, phone number (254) 287-3341. She can assist in filing original disability claims as well as reevaluations and amended claims. The TVC also assists the surviving spouse on any Veteran Benefits upon the retirees' death. Casualty cases are handled by appointment. The state of Texas, Texas Veterans Commission has a website at [www.tvc.tx.us](http://www.tvc.tx.us) and a toll free number at 1-800-252-8387.

## POV Registration

**Good News!** All of your vehicle registration needs (decals and temporary passes) can be handled at the Main Gate of Fort Hood. **It is open 24/7 for your convenience!** Retirees may obtain DOD decals by registering their POV's with the proper documents (listed below). You may now also start the process by e-mail to cut down on wait times. Contact Vehicle Registration for information required for this process. For those not wanting DOD decals there will be special event passes issued for the two day event. For more information, please contact Vehicle Registration at 254-287-9909.

### ***Vehicle Registration Requirements for DOD Decals and Temporary pass***

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Current Drivers License    | 2) Military (Retired) ID Card   |
| 3) Proof of current insurance | 4) Current Vehicle Registration |

If vehicle registration is not in your name or spouse, you will need a notarized letter with the following information: Vehicle Information: Make, Model, Year, Vehicle Identification Number, License Plate Number, Color of Vehicle and Time Period (i.e. indefinite, 3years, 30 days).

## Army Emergency Relief (AER)

The ACS AER Program plays an important role in helping the Army "Take Care of its Own." The AER office provides financial assistance to soldiers, both active and retired and their family members during periods of valid emergencies. You may contribute to this worthy cause at anytime. For more information please contact the Fort Hood AER office at 288-7292.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Retirees and family members, the Fort Hood Community Volunteer Program needs you!** We would love to match you (and your wealth of experience, wisdom and life skills) with the volunteer position that best serves the needs of the community and you. Stop by the Lane Volunteer Center, Bldg. 16005, located at the corner of Fort Hood Road and Old Ironsides Avenue, or call 287-VOLS (8657) or 286-5913.

### **ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN**

Your voice will be heard on your concerns about quality of life issues if you participate in the AFAP Conference held annually on Fort Hood. Call 287-AFAP OR 287-VOLS for more information.



## Travis Fund

"Tomorrow's college for the children of today's heroes"

The Travis Fund was created by a group of Texas leaders to honor those who have given their lives for our freedom by making sure their children can afford college when the time comes. The Fund is designed to provide financial support for the post-high school education of all children whose parent or legal guardian listed Texas as their home of record as of the time of their death while serving in the US military in Afghanistan or Iraq. The Fund will help cover housing costs, fees, and other support for these children if they pursue their higher education. The Travis Fund will continue to raise funds for this purpose until such time as the US has officially withdrawn troops from those countries. It will be administered by the Austin Community Foundation, which is responsible for all decisions related to these resources.

**More information can be found on the following website: [www.travisfund.org](http://www.travisfund.org).**

## Spouse Bereavement Support Group

The Spouse Bereavement Support Group meets Monday evenings at the Comanche Chapel (unless it is a holiday) on Fort Hood, Texas. The support group is sponsored by the Family Life Chaplain, Chaplain Robert Williams. For more information, dates, and times, please call 254-287-6310 or 254-287-1757 or e-mail at [robert.williams2@hood.army.mil](mailto:robert.williams2@hood.army.mil).

## Army Career And Alumni Program (ACAP)

**Are you currently retired and looking for a job?** If you are within 60 days of retirement or currently retired, the Fort Hood ACAP Center announces extended eligibility timeframes for use of ACAP XXI services! Army retirees and their family members may now use the system on a space available basis for the rest of their lives.

**Visit us in the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, BLDG 18010, or call the ACAP Center for more information: 254-288-ACAP (2227) or 254-288-JOBS (5627).**

## Troops to Teachers

### Military Retirees - Troops to Teachers Still Wants You!

If you have always wanted to become a teacher and you are retired military with a bachelor's degree, Troops to Teachers (TTT) has the ways and means to help you achieve your dream. Currently, eligibility categories include **all retired military**, from all services, National Guard and Reserves, no matter when they retired! Retirees with at least a bachelor's degree may register with Troops to Teachers.

For additional information or a Troops to Teachers registration packet, please call the TTT Office in Austin at 1-800-810-5484. Meryl Kettler, the TTT coordinator, or her assistant, Dale Reynolds, will be happy to assist you.

## Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DMWR)

***Retirees can enjoy many activities right in their own backyard at Fort Hood!  
DMWR offers an abundance of fun, recreational programs for retired as well as active duty  
soldiers and their families.***

The Officers Club offers retirees many options for dining and fun. Open to the public, all military ranks welcome. Call 532-5073 for information and reservations.

Retirees can hunt on the spacious grounds of Fort Hood. This is the largest hunting area in Texas. Hunter's must pass the Hunter Education Course. For more information, call 532-4552.

There are plenty of things at Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) for retirees to enjoy. Take a guided fishing tour or bring the grandkids to the youth fishing derby. Delight in a moonlight cruise around the lake or just sit back and enjoy the sunshine. Rent a cabin or park your RV at BLORA and take pleasure in relaxing by the lake. Also, a favorite Central Texas holiday tradition returns to BLORA. The ninth season of "**Nature in Lights**" runs from November 2005 through early January 2006. This holiday event is one you do not want to miss! Park entry fee for the 2005-2006 seasons will be announced. **For more information on Nature in Lights and other BLORA Activities call:** BLORA Reservation Office, 254-287-2523

The Courses of Clear Creek is your very own country club is located off of Clear Creek Road. Visit the Courses of Clear Creek for golfing at its best. Call 287-4130 for tee times and information. Open to the public. Lunch specials are available at the Clubhouse Grill Monday through Friday.

Take a gamble and play BINGO at the Community Events Center. Enjoy the camaraderie of other retirees and current soldiers. Play bingo six days a week. This facility is non-smoking and offers large progressive jackpots. For more information, call 532-9253.

**Come out and enjoy Retiree Appreciation Days and take advantage of great specials around Fort Hood. There are so many ways to play everyday with Fort Hood MWR!**

## Darnall Army Community Hospital Notes

### ***Pharmacy News***

The pharmacy at the Clear Creek Post Exchange is for patients that have phone in refill prescriptions. Wait times vary, depending on the day of the week and whether it is a payday weekend. **To refill by telephone 24 hours a day:** (254) 288-8911, 288-8912, 288-8917, 288-8918, 286-7295, 286-7296; Toll-free (Outside local calling area only) 1-800-351-3636

#### Main Outpatient Pharmacy

The Main Outpatient Pharmacy is located in the basement of the hospital. New prescriptions, including those written by civilian providers (for medications that are stocked) are dispensed from this pharmacy. Priority service is given to active duty patients (in uniform) and those patients being discharged from the hospital wards or emergency room.

#### Main Outpatient Pharmacy Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Holidays, and Training Holidays: 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Questions or comments, call 254-288-8800/8159 Telephone: 288-8801

### ***Health Consumer Meeting***

The monthly Health Consumer Committee Meeting is held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Darnall Army Community Hospital's auditorium, room 0710 in the basement. The meeting is open to the community interested in healthcare.

### **Update Your Address**

RETIREEES CHANGES in address/status: All retirees are responsible for updating their pay file at DFAS-CL within one year of the event if they marry, remarry, are widowed or divorced and need to make or update an SBP election. Additionally changes of addresses should be submitted, as they occur to ensure receipt of retiree pay, newsletters, 1099R forms, and retiree account statements. If communicating by fax, include your SSN and sign your request. Communication should be made to:

#### **If in receipt or entitled to retired PAY:**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
Cleveland Center  
PO Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130  
Telephone#: 1-216-522-5955  
Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080 Fax#: 1-800-469-6559 (Retired Pay)

#### **If in receipt or entitled to SBP:**

DFAS-US Military Annuitant Pay  
P.O Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131  
Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080  
Fax#: 1-800-982-8459 (Annuitant Pay)

### **Sources Of Information**

**Army Echoes is available online!** Your online source of information on military retirement benefits home page is located at <http://armyg1.army.mil/retire>. This site is full of information for soldiers and families – both those preparing to retire and those already retired. Past editions of Army Echoes are also posted there!

### ***Websites That May Interest You***

Medicare Benefits – Medicare Part B: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).  
Senior Pharmacy benefit - 1-877-DoD-MEDS or [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)  
TRICARE Information Service - [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)  
TRICARE For Life - [www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/).  
TRICARE For Life Fact Sheet: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=294>  
TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program-[www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE)  
TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program – [www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy)  
Darnall Army Community Hospital web site - [www.hood-meddac.army.mil](http://www.hood-meddac.army.mil)  
DEERS-Verify Eligibility- [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers)  
Kilauea, HI Recreation Center: <http://www.kmc-volcano.com>  
Military Facilities: <http://www.militaryliving.com>  
Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS): <http://dod.jobsearch.org>  
Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/fehbp>  
III Corps & Fort Hood Retirement Services: <http://armyg1.army.mil>  
Update Address – DEERS: [www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress](http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress)  
Social Security Administration: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
EVetRecs (Request DD214, Medical Records (Non VA), Documents: [http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/vetrecs/](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/)  
Request Cold War Certificate: <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/coldwar/default.htm>  
My Pay website (DFAS Retirement Pay): <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>  
Space A Travel Information: <http://spacea.info/>  
MWR Travel Website: <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel>  
Arlington Cemetery Website: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/contents.htm>  
AKO – Army Knowledge Online: [https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal\\_home.jhtml](https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml)

VGLI Online Account Access: [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov)  
Society for Military Widows: [www.militarywidows.org](http://www.militarywidows.org)  
TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors): [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)

### Sources Of Information (continued)

#### Useful Phone Numbers

TRICARE Service Center	1-800-406-2832	Ft Hood Guest House Reservations	254-532-5157
Army Retired Pay Operations	1-800-321-1080	Texas Work Force Commission	1-800-939-6631
Army Retired Activities-HQDA	1-800-336-4909	VA Hospital (Temple)	1-800-423-2111
Fort Hood Legal Service (SJA)	254-287-7901/3199	Reserve Retirement	1-800-318-5298
Legal Services-Dallas/Ft Worth	817-782-6007/6008	Ft Hood Retirement Svcs	1-800-403-6640
Army Retiree Mobilization	1-800-325-2660	Patient Appointment, DACH	1-800-305-6421
Medicare	1-800-633-4227	Pharmacy, DACH	1-800-351-3636
CHAMPUS/TRICARE	1-800-406-2832	Senior Pharmacy Benefit	1-877-363-6337
Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213	TRICARE Information Line	1-888-363-2273
Veterans Administration	1-800-827-1000	TRICARE Dental Insurance	1-888-838-8737
Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213	Fort Hood ID Card Office	254-287-2518
TRICARE South	1-800-444-5445	TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy	1-866-363-8667
VGLI Online Account Access	1-800-419-1473	Society for Military Widows	1-800-842-3451
TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors)	1-800-959-8277		

### Fort Hood Retiree Council

The Fort Hood Retiree Council convenes quarterly to assist Department of the Army and III Corps in identifying and resolving the problems and needs of retirees; recommending action to the commander which provides installation services, and providing recommendations on policies and activities affecting retirees.

Listed below are the current Fort Hood Retiree Chairman, Vice Chairman and Council Members. Should you like to contact anyone on the council, or become a member of the council, please contact Mrs. Beth Waller, Retirement Services Officer at (254) 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640.

#### Fort Hood Retiree Council Members

H.G. Pete Taylor, LTG US Army Retired, Chairman  
Richard B. Cayton, CSM (US Army Retired), Vice Chairman

COL (RET) Ralph C. Gauer  
COL (RET) Joslyn V. Portmann  
COL (RET) Frank D. Somera  
COL (RET) Chester H. Davis  
LTC (RET) Ronald L. Woodward  
CW3 (RET) George A. Hanger  
CSM (RET) Frank Minosky  
SCPO (RET) Stephen R. Lubasky, USN

1SG (RET) Eugene Miller  
1SG (RET) Thomas R. Fisher  
1SG (RET) Larry W. Stotts  
MSG (RET) Dorothy R. Hayner  
MSG (RET) John W. Wood, SR., USAF  
SFC (RET) Adrienne M. Evans-Quickley  
MRS. Shirley J. Greathouse, Widow

MG (RET) Stewart C. Meyer, Associate Member  
COL (RET) John W. Oliver Jr., USAF, Associate Member

## *US Military, Retired, Still Serving!*



## RETIRED MILITARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 28 OCTOBER 2005 OR FIRST 140 ENTRIES**

SEND ENTRY TO: Business Operations Division  
The Course of Clear Creek  
P.O. Box K  
Fort Hood, Texas 76544

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS)

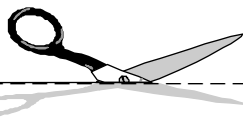
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek.

I have my own cart: YES or NO Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ My age is \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee will be \$28.00 this cost includes green fees, cart, and \$5.00 toward purchase of prizes.

See page 4 of this newsletter for more tournament information or call (254) 287-4130/6921.



## Annual Retiree Round-Up Dinner Reservations

Reservations can be made by sending either a money order or check for the correct amount and returning with this form NLT 14 October 2005. For more information please call 254-526-9551.

Send to: Retiree Round - Up  
Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 548  
Killeen, Texas 76540-0548

Please make our/my reservation under this name (Please list those attending the dinner so we can make nametags for the event):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone number if there is a question about my reservation: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(PHONE)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Will attend \$15.00 per person Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE MADE AT THE DOOR DUE TO NEED FOR AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT.

NAME AND RANK:

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Retiree Appreciation Day Registration Form

If you plan to attend the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, complete this form and mail to:

**COMMANDER  
III CORPS and FORT HOOD  
ATTN: RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5000**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(RANK)

Number of family members who will attend with you: \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with the Privacy Act, my signature authorizes you to release the above information to personnel of the agencies I have checked below in order that they may prepare in advance to assist me on my visit to the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

NUMBER OF YEARS SERVICE WHEN RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RETIRED: MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY FAIR SERVICES - I request counseling or assistance in one or more of the subjects listed below (please check appropriate boxes):**

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|---|--|
| 1. _____ Medical & Dental Info<br>(CHAMPUS, TRICARE,<br>Dental, Pharmacy, App.            | 4. _____ Veterans Affairs<br>_____ Disability Claims<br>_____ Education & Insurance Program              |
| 2. _____ Retirement Services<br>Installation Officer<br>(Retiree Pay, CRDP,<br>SBP, CRSC) | 5. _____ Adjutant General Services<br>_____ ID Cards (See Special Instruction)<br>_____ DEERS Enrollment |
| 3. _____ SJA Section<br>_____ Legal Assistance<br>_____ Appt for Wills                    | 6. _____ Combat Related Special Compensation Application<br>Assistance                                   |

\_\_\_\_\_  
I desire to attend lunch in a Troop Dining Facility.  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4.00 cash, brunch/lunch, pay when served) (Price Subject To Change)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 18 OCTOBER 2005.**

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
COMMANDER  
III CORPS AND FORT HOOD  
ATTN: AFZF-GC-AG-RS  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5056

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**THE ARMY RETIREMENT SERVICES EMBLEM:**

**LEGEND:** The time-honored seal of the Department of the Army represents the Army and its traditions. The annulet, symbol of completeness, stands for the completion of military service. The color of the annulet is olive drab in reference to the basic color of the Army field uniform and equipment. Stars are a national and military symbol. They are used on the coat of arms and the seal of the United States, as an identification of the United States on military equipment and on flags of Army officials as well as an insignia of rank for general officers.

